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CORRECTING DEFECTIVE PIXEL OF SOLID-STATE IMAGE SENSOR, AND METHOD FOR CREATING

PIXEL INFORMATION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This amendment includes:

Amendments to the Specification

Remarks